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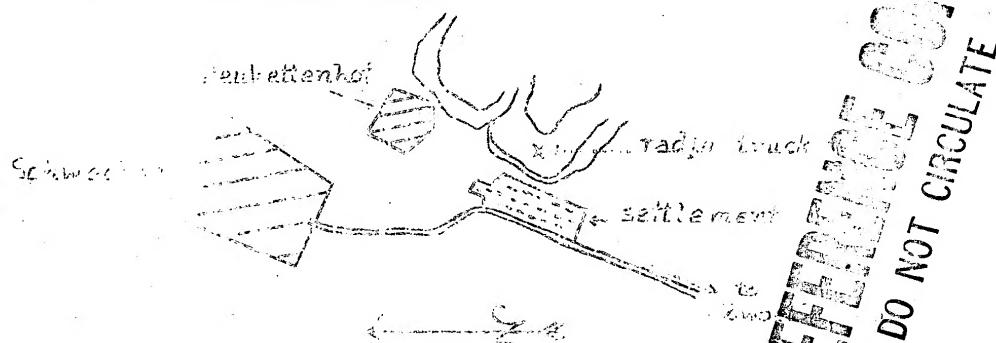
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1. Forty-one PB-2 planes and two biplanes were parked on the northern side of Zweiflaxing airfield. A number of airforce soldiers were revving the engines.
2. Six PB-2 planes were on flying practice which consisted of simultaneous takeoffs and landings of two-ship elements. The takeoff direction was from the north to the northeast. A black and white checkered bus and a radio truck with an antenna mast at least 15 feet long were parked at the takeoff point.*
3. A radio truck was parked on a mound to the east of the settlement on the road between Schwechat and Zweiflaxing as per sketch given below.



An antenna mast approximately 15 feet high with a number of guying wires, was erected next to the station. At about 1400 hours, the mast was brought down by breaking the wires on one side.

4. An unfortified rifle range is situated about 500 yards to the west of the road Zweifaling-Schwechat, situated south of the hamlet Neukettenhof. Large boulders of limestone are set at intervals of approximately 10 yards and are used as targets. The firing was performed with rifle and submachine guns at a distance of between 100 and 200 yards.

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5. The castle at Schwechat is used as a Soviet troop billet. Two soldiers wearing black-red service colors, one of them the guard on duty, were seen talking with two airforce enlisted women. An officer wearing black-red service colors and artillery insignia entered the castle. A view of part of the garden is possible from a point approximately 200 yards to the west of the castle. Three or four groups of approximately eight enlisted men each were being given theoretical instruction in the garden.

* [redacted]

Comment: Some additional planes were on single flights probably practicing radio-directed landings.

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